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Solid Waste Collection Schedule and Holiday Tips

Kerrville, Texas (December 16, 2015) – The Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division would like to pass along some tips to help make your holiday season environmentally friendly. In addition, important information on solid waste services which includes a special collection week for extra garbage is also provided. The schedule for Christmas Day and New Year's Day is as follows:

- **Friday, December 25, 2015 – No recycling pickup**
- **Saturday, December 26, 2015 – Make up day for recycling collection**
- **Friday, January 1, 2016 – No recycling pickup**
- **Saturday, January 2, 2016 – Make up day for recycling collection**
- **Brush / yard waste will also be collected during the week beginning on December 21st. If there is a delay in collections and your yard waste is not collected by the end of Thursday, December 24th, collections will resume on Saturday, December 26th.**

If you have extra garbage due to the Christmas Holiday, Republic Services will conduct a special collection week beginning December 28th. Please put any extra trash in bags and place at least two feet away from your cart. Bags must have enough wall strength to maintain integrity when lifted. Be advised that extra recycling can be dropped off at the recycling drop off station located at the Transfer Station – 3315 Loop 534 (Veterans Highway) in Kerrville.

The 2016 Solid Waste Calendar has been released and is now available to view on line at www.kerrvilletx.gov. It may be found under the “Public Works Department” section under “Solid Waste”. Residents will receive a copy of the calendar by mail in the upcoming weeks. Magnet calendars will also be available upon request, and can be picked up at the Water Records office located at City Hall, 701 Main Street.

During the holiday season, people generate 25% more waste and consume more energy as well. Here are a few tips to help you reduce, reuse, recycle, and conserve:

- **When traveling, make sure vehicle tires are properly inflated to ensure maximum fuel efficiency;**
- **If you will be gone for a few days, adjust the thermostat, unplug appliances, and set lights on a timer;**
- **Reuse gift bags and wrapping paper and look for materials that contain post-consumer recycled content;**

- **Use LED lights and set on a timer to turn off at appropriate times. LED lights can last up to 30 years and require 90% less electricity;**
- **Make sure guests know where recyclables go;**
- **30 million tons of food get disposed of each year – cook just enough and send leftovers with guests.**
- **Remember to always take your reusable shopping bags.**

“The holiday season brings many opportunities to be more environmentally conscious,” said David Barrera, Assistant Public Works Director. “In addition to the tips mentioned above, get creative and look for other ways to do your part. I also want to thank everyone for their cooperation this past year as we transitioned to the new automated collection system. Unfortunately, we experienced some issues; however, I want residents of this community to be aware that staff from the City and Republic Services is doing their due diligence to ensure everyone’s satisfaction is met in 2016.”

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